

Holland opposes U.N. policing role

TEL AVIV (R) — The Netherlands opposes giving United Nations forces a policing role in Lebanon areas evacuated by Israel. Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van Den Broek said Wednesday. Mr. Van Den Broek, on an official visit to Israel, told a press conference the U.S. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) should play a peacekeeping, not a peace enforcing role. "Where they (U.N. troops) are being called in for police or security functions for internal national affairs of a certain country, then we get into certain difficulties with our conception of what a peacekeeping function should be," he said. Mr. Van Den Broek met Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin Wednesday. Mr. Van Den Broek told Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir his government would pull its soldiers out of UNIFIL on Oct. 19 unless the Lebanese situation changed significantly by then.

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King congratulates Venezuelan leader

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday sent a cable of good wishes to the president of Venezuela on his country's Independence Day anniversary. In his cable King Hussein wished the president success in the leadership of his people and for further progress and prosperity for his country.

Envoy to Britain presents credentials

LONDON (Petra) — Jordan's Ambassador to the United Kingdom Taher Al Masri Wednesday presented his credentials to Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace. The ambassador conveyed to the queen King Hussein's greetings and his wishes for further progress and prosperity for the British people. Queen Elizabeth requested the ambassador to convey her greetings to King Hussein and the Jordanian people.

Papandreu begins visit to Spain

MADRID (R) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu arrived in Spain Wednesday for three days of talks on European Community and defence affairs. Mr. Papandreu and the Spanish prime minister, fellow-socialist Felipe Gonzalez, will discuss Spain's six-year-old bid to join the European Community and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Greece assumed the community presidency for a six-month term on July 1.

Gromyko, Chinese envoy hold talks

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko held talks Wednesday with the Chinese Ambassador to Moscow Yang Shouzheng, the official TASS news agency reported. Western diplomats said the two men could have discussed dates for an expected third round of talks on normalising relations between Moscow and Peking.

Swiss prepare for Palestinian meeting

BERNE (R) — The government said Wednesday the Swiss army will be used to help ensure security during a United Nations conference on Palestinian rights in Geneva this summer. The government also asked other Swiss cantons to provide extra police troops to help Geneva authorities.

Dublin appeals against IRA rally site

DUBLIN (R) — The Irish government Wednesday condemned as "grossly offensive" a plan to stage a rally for a dead Irish Republican Army (IRA) hunger-striker at the spot where the IRA assassinated Britain's Lord Mountbatten in 1979. Justice Minister Michael Noonan said he had taken legal advice on whether to ban Sunday's rally in memory of Bobby Sands, one of 10 nationalist prisoners who starved themselves to death in 1981.

Shultz starts Israeli talks after abortive mission in Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz ended five hours of talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad Wednesday with the two sides apparently still wide apart on how to secure a withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

Mr. Shultz told reporters at Damascus airport before leaving for Israel that he discussed a U.S.-sponsored Israel-Lebanon troop withdrawal accord with the Syrians at great length.

But he added: "We did not have very much to agree about in our analysis of the agreement."

He said the United States and Syria had agreed on the need for Lebanon to be a sovereign, free and independent country with a strong central government.

Mr. Shultz, who arrived in Damascus from Beirut on Tuesday, said the United States and Syria would set up a working group "to help sort out what we may be able to do to help in that regard" (establishing Lebanon's sovereignty).

Syria has denounced the May 17 agreement, saying it infringes Lebanese sovereignty and endangers Syria's own security.

A Syrian presidential spokesman quoted Mr. Assad as telling Mr. Shultz the agreement was "more unjust" than the Camp David accord which led to the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian treaty.

Mr. Assad said the right course for Lebanon to restore its freedom, independence and national unity was for Israeli troops to withdraw unconditionally and without gains from that country, according to the spokesman.

Israel has said it will not withdraw from Lebanon unless Syrian troops and Palestinian forces also pull out.

During the flight to Israel, Mr. Shultz spoke to reporters about the Syrian-U.S. working group to discuss Lebanon's sovereignty but said: "I don't want to make too much of this."

Talks with Shamir

In Israel Mr. Shultz had a 90-minute meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir after arriving for talks on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

Officials gave no details of his first round of discussions. His main talks will be with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and senior Israeli ministers Thursday.

Shultz expected in Amman

AMMAN (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz is expected in Jordan Thursday for talks with His Majesty King Hussein and senior officials, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported. Mr. Shultz's visit is in the framework of his current tour of Middle East countries, the announcement said.

Mr. Shultz last visited Amman in May during a shuttle when he cemented the Lebanon-Israel troop withdrawal agreement.

Petra gave no details of Thursday's visit. But Reuters quoted well-informed sources as saying Mr. Shultz was likely to brief King Hussein on his talks in Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria and Israel.

Cairo expects Shultz

Meanwhile, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Mr. Shultz will arrive in Cairo Thursday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak.

Mr. Shultz came to the region to discuss the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon. Cairo was not included in his original programme.

Mediators to brief Arafat

DAMASCUS (R) — A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace team left for Tunis Wednesday to brief PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat after four days of talks in Damascus which apparently did little to heal a rift between guerrillas for and against him.

The mediators announced in a statement before leaving that both sides had agreed to abide by a ceasefire worked out this week after bloody clashes in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley.

The peace team was formed by the PLO to sort out differences within Mr. Arafat's own guerrilla

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Israelis exchange fire with PLO men

BEIRUT (R) — Israeli troops exchanged fire with Palestinian guerrillas along a confrontation line with the Syrian army in Lebanon early Wednesday, an Israeli military spokesman said.

Israeli positions came under rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire from Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) positions in the eastern Bekaa Valley, he said.

"Israeli troops silenced the sources of fire with small arms and artillery," the spokesman said. He added there were no Israeli casualties in the clash, about five kilometres north of the village of Amiq in the central Bekaa.

Israeli soldiers face Syrian regular troops along their front lines stretching through the valley. Several thousand PLO guerrillas are billeted among the Syrians and operate from bases behind their lines.

Although there have been sporadic clashes between rival Palestinian guerrillas in the Bekaa recently, the front line between the two armies has been reported generally quiet.

Lebanese security sources Wednesday reported a 15-minute exchange of artillery fire behind Syrian lines between the villages of Jdita and Buarej in the Bekaa. The sources said it was not known who was involved, but rival Palestinian factions for and against PLO leader Yasser Arafat are positioned in the area.

The Israeli spokesman said later the fire directed against the Israeli troops had come from terraced positions inside Syrian-held territory.



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AFTERMATH OF A QUAKE: A multistoreyed building in the Istanbul suburb of Esenler leans on another after the region was hit by a quake Tuesday (story on page 2)

PLO calls for involving Soviets in peace efforts

By Lamis K. Andoni in Tripoli

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on Wednesday strongly attacked U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's visit to Beirut and Damascus and called for the participation of the Soviet Union in Middle East peace efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement in the area.

The PLO official spokesman, Ahmad Abdul Rahman, said in an interview here that the PLO "which has previously rejected the Israeli-Lebanese withdrawal agreement (of May 17), the Reagan initiative (of September 1982) and the Camp David accords

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Five French, four Lebanese trapped in building rubble

BEIRUT (R) — Five French soldiers and four Lebanese civilians were still missing in the rubble of a west Beirut apartment block Wednesday, over eight hours after it collapsed killing one soldier and injuring two.

A statement from the French unit attached to the four-nation multinational force, whose men were involved in the incident, gave the figures after a day of conflicting reports.

It said one of those injured was

in grave condition. The soldiers, who had been preparing to demolish the building, were on the ground floor and the Lebanese workers were on an upper storey when it collapsed, it said.

The statement said the collapse was the result of "natural causes." Rescue operations were continuing as night fell.

Reporters saw the dead soldier

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Britain insists on veto over missile launching

LONDON (R) — Britain Wednesday renewed its commitment to deploy U.S. cruise nuclear missiles but spelled out they would not be launched without the agreement of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The government also made clear in a defence policy paper that it still intended to update its own independent nuclear deterrent by replacing the ageing Polaris missiles with a £7.5 billion (\$11.25 billion) Trident system.

The paper issued by Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine said arrangements governing the use by the United States of military

bases and nuclear weapons in Britain had been reviewed because of the approaching deployment of 161 cruise missiles as part of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) defences against the Soviet Union.

It said the effect of the arrangements was "that no nuclear weapons would be fired or launched from British territory without the agreement of the British prime minister."

Officials said it was the first time the arrangements had been pub-

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Kohl stresses commitment to reunited Germany

MOSCOW (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Wednesday he had made it clear to Soviet leaders that he was firmly committed to the reunification of East and West Germany.

Speaking at a press conference in Moscow, Mr. Kohl said German unity had been a major point in his two days of meetings with President Yuri Andropov and other Kremlin chiefs.

"I explained that we are aware of the present reality of the division of Germany," Mr. Kohl said. "But what we want is the reunification of our country by any peaceful means."

Mr. Kohl was the first West German leader to talk at length in public about reunification while on a visit to Moscow.

Past leaders such as his predecessor, Helmut Schmidt, have avoided the subject in the knowledge that the Soviet Union is highly sensitive about it and tot-

ally opposed to the idea of a greater German state being recreated in Central Europe.

Despite his differences with the Kremlin leaders over the German question and the issue of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, Mr. Kohl said he was highly satisfied with his talks in Moscow and felt they had been "serious, open and direct."

He said he had responded to Mr. Andropov's concern on the German issue by asking him how he would feel if he were German. "I told Mr. Andropov, what would you say as a Soviet patriot if Moscow was divided down the middle — and it is interesting that there was no answer, the question remained in the air," the chancellor said.

Germany has been effectively divided since 1949, when the U.S., British and French occupation zones were turned into the Federal Republic and the Soviet zone into the German Democratic

Hijacked Iranian jet in Kuwait

KUWAIT (R) — Hijackers commandeered an Iranian Jumbo jet Wednesday and ordered it to fly to Kuwait airport where they offered to release 60 of its passengers in return for fuel and food, official Kuwaiti sources said. But Kuwaiti authorities rejected the hijackers' demand and asked for the release of all hostages aboard the Boeing 747 on humanitarian grounds, the sources said. Iran's national news agency IRNA said earlier the plane had 371 people aboard when it was hijacked on an internal flight from Shiraz to Tehran, 700 kilometres to the north. The official sources said the hijackers, identified by the Kuwaiti news agency KUNA as Iranians, had asked to land at the airport for refuelling before flying on to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Airport authorities initially blocked the runway to prevent the plane from touching down. But it was later allowed to land to save the hostages' lives, the sources said.

King Hussein warns against polarisation in Middle East area

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday warned against "any polarisation of the Middle East" because "this would adversely affect the region's identity, dignity and the fate of its future generations."

King Hussein, who was speaking at a meeting held at the Royal Hashemite Court with a visiting delegation representing the Council of Europe, outlined the current Middle East situation and the challenges the region is now facing.

He said that "the Palestinian problem remains the central issue of the region and failure to achieve a just, durable and comprehensive solution to that problem will keep the Middle East in an unstable and insecure state."

During the meeting, King Hussein explained the Jordanian position to Middle East peace efforts and stressed the "inadmissibility of occupying land by force as is stated in U.N. Security Council resolution 242."

"That resolution clearly calls for a total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, and guarantees the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination in their own soil," he said.

King Hussein reviewed various peace initiatives that were aimed at achieving Middle East peace, which included the Arab plan endorsed at the Fez Arab summit and based on U.N. Security Council resolutions, the Reagan plan (of September 1982) and "other peace initiatives which were all based on the return of Arab lands to their lawful owners in exchange of peace."

Israel, the King said, "continues to lay obstacles in the path of peace and refuses all peace plans; continues to occupy Palestinian and Lebanese territory and escalates its settlement plans in the occupied Arab region."

Referring to the Palestinians, the King said Jordan is keen on preserving the unity of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), "its independence and right to take its own decisions."

"Jordan also opposes any interference in the PLO's internal affairs and warns of the dangers inherent in the organisation's division," the King added.

He stressed that the Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue is aimed at liberating the Palestinian land and people and establishing a just and durable peace in the region.

The King emphasised the need for European countries to play a more positive and effective role in the peace process. "Europe and the Arab World, he said, 'are closely linked geographically and have common interests'."

During the meeting the King also reviewed the Lebanese question stressing the need for a total Israeli withdrawal from all Lebanese territories, supporting Lebanon to enable it to preserve its unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

He also spoke about the Iran-Iraq war and condemned Iran's "expansionist aims in the neighbouring Arab region and its constant interference in Arab aff-



aids."

The meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid.

Abu Odeh calls for "peace front"

Earlier, the delegation met with Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh who stressed that the Palestinian question remains the major problem in the region. "All peace efforts in the region have faltered so far because they ignored the Palestinian problem, the basic issue in the Middle East conflict," the minister pointed out.

He said Jordan "strives to preserve for the Palestinian people their independence in taking decisions on their own future and seeks to prevent the PLO from being a tool, in the hands of any Arab regime helping to implement its domestic and international policies."

Mr. Abu Odeh also stressed the important role of European parliamentarians in contributing towards a Middle East settlement. He called on them to form a "peace front" to support the call for implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 which recognises the rights of the Palestinian people in their own land.

"Israel is a state without any borders and continues to expand illegally at the expense of Arab countries, therefore Resolution 242 serves the best basis for establishing a balanced peace," the minister said.

He added that "Europe cannot exempt itself from the responsibility of contributing to a durable peace on the pretext that Israel is more under U.S. influence than Europe's, something repeated by representatives of European governments."

The delegation, which arrived in Amman Tuesday at the start of a fact-finding tour of the region also met with National Consultative Council (NCC) Deputy Speaker Kamal Dajani, who also spoke about the Palestinian problem and Jordan's policies. The meeting was attended by several NCC members.

After their Middle Eastern tour, the delegation members will submit a report to the Council of Europe.

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5 foreign aid workers held hostage

Khartoum negotiates with rebels as deadline nears

NAIROBI (R) — Talks are continuing to try to secure the release of five foreign aid workers in southern Sudan whose captors threatened to kill them Wednesday unless their demands for money, clothes and publicity are met.

Diplomatic sources in Nairobi said the negotiations were being conducted by radio between the southern Sudanese capital of Juba and the Boma national park where the foreigners were seized at the end of June.

The five, two Americans, a West German, a Canadian and a Dutchman, are being held by the hitherto-unknown 'Liberation Front of Southern Sudan', which wants a \$500,000 ransom, clothes for 150 people and access to international radio.

Asked if he thought the aid workers would be killed, an official of one of the charity org-

anisations involved said: "I certainly hope not. All we can do is pray."

Only scant details of the talks have emerged in Nairobi since the centre for negotiations was moved from the Kenyan capital to Juba last week.

One of the few details to emerge is that an unidentified Sudanese intermediary is involved.

The rebels said they seized the aid workers to attract publicity for their campaign to turn mainly Christian southern Sudan into an independent state called Kisua.

They want to publicise their grievances on the British Bro-

adcasting Corporation (BBC) and Voice Of America (VOA) radio networks, informed sources said.

Nairobi was the original centre for the talks because one of the aid workers, Briton Conrad Aveling, was suffering from dysentery and was allowed to fly out of the remote game reserve to the Kenyan capital with a list of the rebels' demands.

Those who remained behind are Americans John Haspels and Ron Pontier, Dutchman Willem Noort and Canadian Martin Overduin and Alois Tschmidt of West Germany.

Diplomats here have maintained a virtual news blackout since the talks were shifted to Juba.

Sudan has a long history of tension between the South and the mainly Arab North which erupted into a 17-year civil war in the 1950s.

Numeiri urges PLO chairman to call for 'mini-Arab summit' in Khartoum

CAIRO (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri was quoted here Wednesday as saying he had urged Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to call for an immediate mini-Arab summit to convene in Khartoum.

In an interview with the newspaper Al Akhbar, Mr. Numeiri said he sent a message to Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) suggesting the summit be attended by Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia

and Iraq.

Mr. Numeiri, on a private visit to Egypt since last week, said Mr. Arafat should personally direct those invited to the summit to seek ways of "saving the Palestinian revolution and himself as its symbol from present attempts to liquidate them."

He said: "Present attempts to liquidate Mr. Arafat and the PLO are a target of many Western and Eastern countries and Israel."

The summit should only discuss

one item: "How to pave the way for a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian problem and define practical steps towards that objective."

Mr. Numeiri urged moderate Arab countries to take advantage of the current visit of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to the region and discuss such a settlement.

"The mini-summit should define steps leading to a peaceful dialogue (with Israel)," he added.

5 reported dead in Turkish quake

ANKARA (R) — Five people were killed and 25 injured in a powerful earthquake which Tuesday shook a wide area of northwestern Turkey.

The quake, which Turkish observatories said measured 4.9 on the open-ended Richter scale, had its epicentre near the Turkish

town of Canakkale, where Turkish State Radio said one person was killed and 21 injured.

The quake was felt 200 kilometres to the east in Istanbul, where a half-built six-storey block collapsed and the walls of several houses were fractured, Turkish State Radio said.

The semi-official Anatolian news agency said an eight-year-old child died under masonry from one of several houses which collapsed in Canakkale.

A spokesman for the Belgrade Seismological Centre said the tremor was felt in southern Yugoslavia, and even by people living in high-rise buildings in Belgrade.



SPOILS OF VICTORY IN CHAD: Troops loyal to former Chadian president Goukouni Oueddei in jubilant mood after the capture of Faya-Largeau, an oasis town in northern Chad, after a brief battle late June. (Gamma photo)

Pakistan regime prevents protests against military

KARACHI, Pakistan (R) — Pakistani military authorities have rounded up scores of political dissidents to prevent protests to mark the sixth anniversary of President Mohammad Zia ul Haq's military rule, opposition sources said Wednesday.

They said at least 50 people were arrested in Pakistan's largest city, Karachi, for taking part in scattered demonstrations against Gen. Zia, who toppled Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the last civilian prime minister, in July 1977.

A government spokesman said only 13 people were detained in the city, capital of Mr. Bhutto's home province of Sind.

The Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), an alliance of eight banned political parties campaigning for an end to martial law, had called for a national pro-

test "black day" to mark the anniversary.

The opposition sources said those arrested included MRD Secretary General Khwaja Khairuddin and Assistant Secretary General Mairaj Mohammad Khan.

They said at least five politicians were arrested in Lahore, capital of Punjab Province, and nine in Rawalpindi, the twin city of the capital, Islamabad.

A former army chief of staff, Gen. Tikka Khan, was placed under house arrest in Rawalpindi, the sources said.

Lawyers and opposition workers held protest meetings and flew black flags on houses in major towns, they added.

But the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) news agency said most people ignored

the protest call.

Gen. Zia marked the day by presiding over his first cabinet meeting since his gall-bladder operation last month. The cabinet reviewed law and order in the country, a statement said.

MRD includes the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) once headed by Mr. Bhutto, who was executed in 1979 for conspiracy to murder.

The party has planned a civil disobedience campaign from Aug. 14, the 36th anniversary of Pakistani independence, to force the government to hold elections and restore democracy.

Eyewitnesses said police baton-charged a crowd of 150 people who tried to assemble Tuesday at the Karachi home of MRD co-sponsor Sher Baz Mazari, who was expelled from the city three days ago.

U.S. plans summer drills in Mideast, East Africa

WASHINGTON (R) — About 7,000 U.S. troops will hold military exercises in the Middle East and East Africa next month to test their ability to fight during the area's hot summer months, defence sources said.

Earlier "bright star" exercises held in the region were staged in winter, but the sources said the Pentagon wanted this year's to be held when the weather was at its hottest in the countries participating — Egypt, Somalia, Sudan and Oman.

The U.S. soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines will operate under the central command, formed in 1980 as the Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) and des-

igned to fight Soviet aggression and protect Western interests in the Middle East.

U.S. forces would conduct ground manoeuvres in Egypt, an amphibious landing in Somalia, anti-guerrilla exercises in Sudan and mock air battles over Oman, the sources said, all in separate operations.

Some 1,400 U.S. troops took part in the first "bright star" exercise in 1980, staged with Egyptian troops only.

The next was held in November-December 1981 with Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and Oman joining 6,500 American troops.

No such exercise was held last year.

Equatorial Guinea to spare sergeant's life

MADRID (R) — Spain has obtained renewed guarantees from Equatorial Guinea's government that Sergeant Venancio Mico, leader of a failed coup in the small West African country, will not be executed, foreign ministry sources said Wednesday.

A military court in Malabo has sentenced Sergeant Mico, Gregorio Mico and Carmelo Owono to death for plotting to overthrow and kill President Teodoro Obiang Nguema.

Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Morán Tuesday telephoned his counterpart in Equatorial Guinea, Marcelino Nguema, and obtained renewed guarantees that Sergeant Mico would be spared, the sources said.

Capuchin priest, 4 church workers killed in southern Chad ambush

VATICAN CITY (R) — A Canadian-born Capuchin friar and four African church workers were killed by armed men in an ambush in southern Chad, the Capuchin Order said Wednesday.

It said in a statement Father Aurele Robidou, vicar-general of Moundou Diocese in Chad, had been travelling to the interior to consecrate a new church on behalf of the bishop on June 26 when the attack occurred.

The statement did not identify the attackers, but sources at the Order's Rome office said they understood the vehicle in which

the party was travelling had come under fire from anti-government guerrillas.

Another Capuchin friar, French-born Father Marie Andre, was seriously injured in the attack and taken to hospital, the Order said, without giving further details.

Pope John Paul recently drew attention to the natural disasters and civil war that have disrupted life in Chad in recent years. He urged Roman Catholics to consider seriously the need for mission work in the Central African country.

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Nabulsi clarifies site brawl details

AMMAN (J.T.) — Housing Corporation Director Hamdullah Nabulsi said here Wednesday that Chinese workers at the Abu Nusair housing project west of here had not been involved in the brawl which took place last Sunday resulting in injuries to 3 people.

The Jordan Times had erroneously reported that Chinese workers were involved. In fact all those involved in the fight were either Arab or Thai workers working at the site.

The Chinese company CATIC and the Chinese workers have always followed Jordanian law to the letter, while respecting the habits and customs of the Jordanian people because they value a great deal the friendship between the two countries and the two peoples, the spokesman said.

He added that the workers are well disciplined and working hard to construct the Abu Nusair Housing Estate as quickly as possible.

CATIC, along with the French company Sojex, are constructing 6,500 housing units for use by Jordanian civil servants.

Migrant workers from occupied territories to have free passage home

AMMAN (J.T.) — Citizens from the occupied Arab territories who work in the Gulf region or other Arab states will be free to visit their relatives in the occupied territories and return to resume their work after the visit, according to a spokesman for the Interior Ministry Tuesday.

The spokesman said instructions have been issued to police stations at the crossing points near the Jordan River's bridges to facilitate the travel of visitors to and from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. There will be no restrictions preventing the visitors from returning to their work abroad, the spokesman said.

Jordanian citizens who work abroad normally spend their holiday in the East or West Bank, and the Public Security Department has taken all necessary measures to organize and speed their journey. According to the spokesman, special arrangements have been made for visitors to the occupied lands and a number of centres for issuing permits have been opened for the purpose.

Lawzi: Harvesting unripe melons a legal offence

AMMAN (Petra) — Agriculture Under-Secretary Salem Al Lawzi Wednesday called on all Jordanian farmers not to cut the water melon crop before it is fully ripe to avoid losses both to the farmer and the consumer.

Dr. Lawzi said that many of the water melons on sale in the country either in the market place or through street vendors have been found not to be ripe, which will lead to a drop in the price of the

crop. The Ministry of Agriculture regards all those who sell unripe melons as violating regulations and thus liable to prosecution, Dr. Lawzi said.

Dr. Lawzi was speaking during a visit to the central market, accompanied by several aides. He discussed with market officials a number of issues connected with the amounts of agricultural goods arriving daily for sale.



King Talal Ibn Abdullah

King Talal remembered

AMMAN (Petra) — Thursday, July 7 marks the 11th anniversary of the death of King Talal Ibn Abdullah, who died in Istanbul, Turkey in 1972.

The late king, King Hussein's father, had assumed his constitutional powers on Sept. 9, 1951 and immediately embarked on the task of introducing constitutional reforms with the aim of developing Jordan's political life.

He declared a new constitution stating that Jordan is an independent Arab state and that the Jordanian people form an integral part of the Arab Nation.

King Talal had further plans to develop the country economically

and politically, but was afflicted by illness which prevented him from realizing his aspirations.

His Majesty King Hussein was therefore proclaimed King of Jordan on Aug. 11, 1952 to continue the work of construction started by his father.

King Talal was born in Mecca in 1909 and studied at Britain's Sandhurst Military College where he graduated as the first Jordanian officer from the college in 1929.

King Talal participated in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war and fought side by side with the officers and troops of the Jordanian armed forces in defence of Arab land against Zionist aggression.

Bulgaria to double import of Jordanian phosphates

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Bulgaria have signed a trade protocol to double Jordan's phosphates exports to Bulgaria, Minister of Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub announced here Tuesday. Current phosphates exports from Jordan to Bulgaria amounts to 50,000 tonnes.

He was speaking upon returning to Amman from a tour that took him to Bulgaria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The visit was aimed at finding new markets for Jordanian products, especially phosphates, and for purchasing consumer goods for the military and civil service consumer corporations in Jordan, Mr. Ayyoub said.

In Bulgaria, Mr. Ayyoub met the ministers of foreign trade and light industries. In Hungary he met the ministers of foreign trade, interior and tourism; and in Czechoslovakia he held talks with the minister of foreign trade.

The talks dealt with trade relations and means of adjusting the balance of trade which now stands at one to 15 in these countries' favour, the minister said.

In Hungary, Mr. Ayyoub has persuaded officials there that Jordanian phosphates will not harm the profitability of Hungarian fertilizer plants, and the Hungarian minister of foreign trade has promised to urge his country's companies and factories to use Jordanian phosphate.

Mr. Ayyoub told officials in the three countries that Jordan's purchase of their consumer products depended on the results of his these talks.

However, he added, Jordan has concluded contracts for purchasing a number of products from these three countries at competitive prices.

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In Czechoslovakia, Mr. Ayyoub urged officials to purchase the amounts of Jordanian phosphates agreed on over the coming three years. Czechoslovakia has originally order between 150,000 and 250,000 tonnes of Jordanian phosphates a year, the minister explained.

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Mitsubishi-Fudo awarded Aqaba power station civil works contract

By Philip Robins
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) has awarded a JD 19.5 million contract for the civil works on the Aqaba Thermal Power Station to the Mitsubishi Corporation and Fudo.

The contract is the last of the five major construction projects to be awarded for the \$190m first stage of the power station, which is scheduled to be fully operative by mid-September 1986.

The project manager for the new power station, Mr. Abdel Wahab Zubi, said Wednesday that work will begin on the civil project, which includes excavation, building and earth work, within the next three weeks, and that the formal contract for the job will be signed by the beginning of October.

The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder in accordance with the guidelines of the World Bank which is the major financier of the civil work. The World Bank is supplying \$35m towards the project, with the difference being made up by the Jordanian government and the JEA.

The seawater cooled station is being built on a site 19 kilometres south of Aqaba and one kilometre inland from the sea. It will use 36,000 cubic metres of water per hour for cooling which will enable a 12-15 per cent fuel saving compared to the air cooled Hussein Thermal Power Station, which will amount to about 100,000 tonnes of fuel per year.

The first stage of the station involves the installation of two

130 megawatt generators. Present plans are that a second stage, to be completed by 1990, will involve the introduction of two 300 M-W generators, to be followed by two more under stage three by the year 2000.

The four other station contracts, for the supply and installation of equipment, were awarded earlier on in the year. The Italian company Franco Tosi received a JD 27.4m contract for the turbine island, while the boiler island contract, worth JD 19.6m, was awarded to a consortium of the Mitsubishi Corporation with Mitsubishi Heavy Industry.

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Director pinpoints areas of pollution

AMMAN (Petra) — The Environment Department at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment has prepared a number of working papers on Jordan's water basins and ways of protecting the water and atmosphere from pollution, according to Dr. Sufian Al Tal, the department's director.

He said that a research paper on the Baqaa water basin explains why the issue of building licences in that region has been banned. Random building, and the total negligence displayed by a number of factory owners in the region, who have ignored existing environmental requirements, has caused cess pools to leak into underground streams thus contaminating them, Dr. Tal said.

The working paper on Baqaa, he added, recommends that sewer networks and waste water treatment plants be built to safeguard the environment.

He said that unless this is done, it will be difficult to control the leakage of waste to the underground water of Al Azraq basin. Turning his attention to air pollution, Dr. Tal said that his department has drawn the attention of the government to the danger inherent in air pollution due to the fumes emanating from cars and aircraft, and the combustion of gases being released by local factories.

Plans are being laid to hold a national seminar on protecting the air from pollution, Dr. Tal said. He said that participants in the seminar will represent all interested sectors in the country including transport, public security, civil aviation, universities, the armed forces, the Chamber of Industry, the Royal Scientific Society and the Royal Society for the Protection of the Environment.

A similar study has been drawn up for the Zarqa River basin which has also been exposed to pollution due to the leakage of waste water and the flow of factory effluent, Dr. Tal said.

He added that a special team had been set up to make tours of the factories along the river and take samples of their treated waste water to make sure that the process has been carried out properly.

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New rules stipulate contracts below JD 2m must be awarded to local firms

AMMAN (J.T.) — Contracts not exceeding JD 2 million must be awarded to local firms unless the project entails highly specialised work requiring skills only available abroad, according to regulations published by the Ministry of Public Works.

If a foreign company wants to bid for a project of less than that figure, it must first obtain approval from the Public Works Minister, the regulations say. In any such cases, the inability of local companies to implement the work will be taken into consideration.

According to the regulations, if a foreign company is to bid for a

construction project, that company must be engaged in a joint venture with a local qualified contractor. Assessment of all local firm's will be judged by the levels of their administrative and technical staff, their equipment and performance in implementing projects in the past.

Joint ventures, which will be registered with the Ministry of Industry and Trade as Jordanian companies, must contain at least as many local engineers, technicians and managers as their foreign counterpart.

Joint ventures grouping foreign and local contractors are to be allowed to carry out projects with a

value exceeding a JD 2 million but each company in the venture should be separately prequalified. In accepting bids by such companies their capital and whether their staff is locally trained will be taken into consideration. Non-Jordanian Arab companies are to be prequalified on the basis of their financial, technical and administrative potentials and they must have carried out similar projects to the one for which they are bidding. If Arab companies are applying as part of a joint venture with non-Arab companies they will be regarded as foreign companies. In case Arab and non-Arab companies are prequalified on the same level, priority in implementing a project should be given to Arab companies.

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Australia to organise trade display in May

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Australian ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Richard Gate, has announced that Australia will be holding a trade display in the Amman Holiday Inn in May 1984. This will be the first display of Australian products in Jordan. The display will be open from 6-10th May 1984, and will include products such as meat, cheese, canned foods, agricultural machinery, irrigation equipment and some of the latest technological products available from Australia.

Australia is a country with similar climatic conditions to Jordan and it has developed over many years complete farming systems and equipment to deal with Australia's harsh conditions. Such equipment and expertise has been tried and widely accepted in the Middle East and should be of great interest to Jordanians, the ambassador said.

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Wells polluted

ZARQA (Petra) — Five artesian wells at Sukmech in the Zarqa District have been closed after being found to be polluted, according to Dr. Abdul Aziz Shreideh, the health director here, the water was found not to be suitable for irrigation purposes either.

The health department in Zarqa has asked the agricultural department there closely to supervise these wells and not to allow their water to be used for irrigation. Dr. Shreideh said.

Abu Odeh receives Caradon

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh conferred at his office Wednesday with Lord Caradon, Britain's former ambassador to the United Nations, who is currently on a visit to Jordan.

During the meeting they exchanged views on the situation in the region and the Palestinian question in the light of current Middle East developments.

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Irbid needy receive help

IRBID (Petra) — The social development department here has begun distributing financial assistance to needy families in the Irbid Governorate, the department's director Zaki Al Tal said here Wednesday.

He said that the programme entails the distribution of JD 13,500 to 1,500 families.

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AMMAN (Petra) — Customs revenue accrued in the first half of this year registered an increase of more than JD 12 million over that of the same period in 1982, according to a statistical bulletin issued here Wednesday.

It said that in the first six months of 1983, customs revenues amounted to JD 90,635,177 in contrast with JD 78,421,715 between January and June of last year.

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Closing the gap between less water, more leakage

By Susan Traill

AMMAN — The porous limestone hills around the Jordanian capital of Amman, which houses over a third of the nation's almost three million people, are slowly leaking sewage.

This run-off, from cesspools and open drains, is working its way into the Zarka River and down into the huge lake behind the King Talal Dam, the country's largest reservoir and most important source of its most valued commodity: Clean water.

Lack of water is holding back development in Jordan. The country wants to become more self-sufficient in food through more irrigation. It wants to industrialise, thus limiting imports, increasing exports and improving its balance of trade. Both efforts will require more clean water.

Jordan is not an environmentally backward country, especially where industry is concerned. "Defence Order 202", passed in 1981, requires all new factories to recycle water. "Most of the large factories are fairly near to producing good water", according to one foreign expert.

But planners have been slower to attack the sewage problem. Large areas of Amman have no mains drains. The sewage treatment plant is being extended and more drains built, but these will not be completed before 1985. A new sewage and industrial waste treatment plant under construction at Zarqa, northeast of the capital, will not be

completed under the present five-year plan, running to 1985.

Meanwhile, sewage will continue to creep into the Zarka River, placing a burden on the King Talal Dam's purification facilities. It is creating a health hazard: Diarrhoea is a common summer disease here, and cholera has broken out several times in recent years.

The Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) pumps water from King Talal reservoir to the towns of Amman and Zarqa — water the JVA is responsible for purifying. Irrigation projects are being cut back to give priority to drinking water.

JVA experts estimate that about half this water will return to the reservoir — water which Amman municipality is responsible for cleaning. Much of the King Talal water goes into the fertile Jordan Valley, where it is used for irrigation and as domestic water by the farmers.

Thus urban pollution from Amman can pollute the reservoir, the capital's drinking water, and irrigation and drinking water in the valley.

Meanwhile, to meet the growing requirements of the capital, to add 5,000 hectares (12,500 acres) of irrigated land in the valley and provide an extra 4.3 MW of electricity generating capacity, the height of the King Talal Dam is being raised by 15 metres (50 feet).

There is a need for more electricity. The first government industrial estate, at Sahab, southeast

of Amman, is near completion and is expected to house 200 firms by the end of 1984.

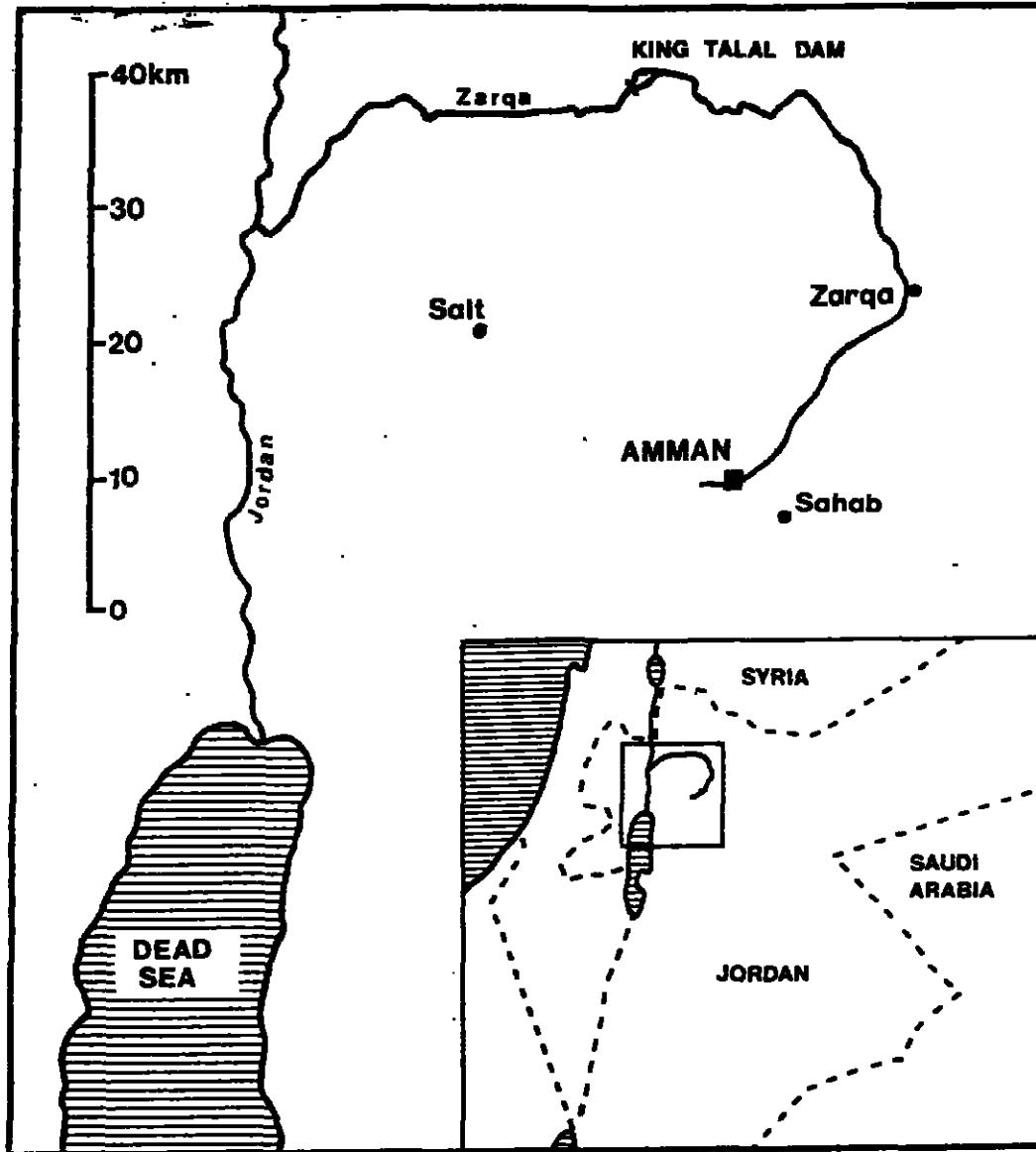
The estate has its own sewage plant, drains water and electricity supply. Companies wanting to move in must submit chemical, metal, air and water pollution control measures with their plans to the Ministries of Industry and Health as well as to local authorities. Water from the estate's treatment plant will be used for local irrigation, and each factory is required to establish its own garden and green area.

Another area being promoted for industry by the government is the town of Salt, northwest of Amman. As it lacks its own indigenous water supply, efforts to purify and recycle water there will have to be even more efficient.

This expansion of industry, and the tough requirements of Defence Order 202, are creating a market for technicians with novel schemes for preventing pollution. British chemical engineer Ken Wyatt is studying ways by which a manufacturer of the date-based liquor arak can convert date pulp and stones into animal feed rather than disposing of them as waste.

Mr. Wyatt feels that industrial pollution control got off to a good start in Jordan. But he fears that the decline in oil prices, and a possible resulting squeeze on Arab investment money here, could cause companies to abandon their search for clean technologies just when the effort is showing such promising results.

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Miscellaneous charges?

The problem of hospital bills is a serious one. It is unfortunate and sad that emergencies are only accepted if a cash deposit (amounting sometimes up to JD 500) is made to the hospital.

So many times on the doors of a certain big hospital in Amman, people have to beg for a very sick person to be admitted prior to the discussion of the financial problem. But thank heavens this does not apply to all hospitals in Amman.

As to the invoices at the end of a hospital stay one can say that they are incredible. A friend was showing me her hospital bill for a stay of three hours for a minor operation. The invoice amounted to JD 148,900. Beside the impressive amount for such a short stay, my friend showed me the details and this is when it became interesting.

Cost of the room JD 30, plus 3,500 labelled "miscellaneous service charges". My friend could not understand this as she did not receive any services (as general as they could be) due to her very short stay.

Then comes the cost of the "minor operation room", JD 30. OK. Doctor fees JD 40, anaesthetic JD 10 — very good. Cost of injections (that she does not remember having taken) JD 5,400; gauze for JD 4; plasters for JD 12 and last an exquisite label "miscellaneous" JD 14.

My friend says that the only gauze and plaster used was a tiny piece to cover the needle prick on the palm of her hand where the anaesthesia was injected.

Archaeologists uncover underwater Roman harbour

By Galina Vromen
Reuters

CAESAREA. — Diving into the sea, archaeologists are slowly uncovering a harbour built by King Herod at the time of Christ's birth.

With the help of 100 volunteer divers from 10 nations, they have been exploring Sabastos Harbour, built to serve the port city of Caesarea. Its engineering sophistication may also teach a few things to modern builders.

The archaeologists work in frog suits under two metres (yards) of water, equipped with special pumps to clear away the sand covering the Mediterranean harbour and a nearby shipwreck.

Archaeologists have occasionally battled the sea, but never before with such a large team and rarely in order to wrest the secrets of an ancient harbour, according to the project's directors.

"Everything takes 20 to 30 times longer to do under water, and, unlike archaeologists on land, we often have to fight off seasickness," said Robert Hoffelder, a director of the project. As the divers work near the surface, they get tossed about by the waves.

The project, organised by Haifa University's Centre for Maritime Research in Israel, involves professors from Victoria University in Canada and the University of Maryland, as well as Mr. Hoffelder who teaches ancient history at Colorado University.

Maritime experts say the harbour, completed in 4 B.C. after 12 years of building, was better designed than other Mediterranean ports where goods could not be loaded during winter storms.

Salt from the Dead Sea, and perfumes and spices brought by camel caravans from the Far East were exported from here to Europe.

The ancient historian Josephus

Flavius described the harbour as "free always from the waves of the sea," decorated by large statues perched on high columns and equipped with numerous towers and quays.

Two massive breakwaters, 600 and 200 metres (yards) long, enclosed a basin area of 21 hectares (52 acres). Experts think that as many as 100 ships at a time could dock.

"Even by today's standards the harbour is an engineering marvel that could serve as a useful textbook case for engineering students," Mr. Hoffelder said.

A small arch-shaped outer breakwater, protruding out to the sea from the main breakwater, helped to keep the water in the inner basin unusually calm.

Special channels cut into the breakwater at sea level allow waves to flow gently in, raising the water within the harbour above that of the outside sea. This results in an undercurrent at the harbour's main entry which flushes out sand, effectively preventing silting.

It is not yet clear why the harbour fell into disuse. But after Herod's death in 4 A.D., it appears his successors did not share his dream of making Caesarea a major trade centre.

Modern interest in the ancient harbour was first sparked in the 1970s. Investigators, conducting a feasibility study to determine whether the coast was geologically stable enough for a nuclear power plant, examined the harbour site for clues.

A coal plant was eventually built instead, and it looms not far from where the archaeologists dive.

They have uncovered boat anchors, instruments used in the ancient world to sound out the depth of the water and bits of ceramics, mostly used as a rubble under-ecution to prevent erosion of the breakwaters.

PLO urges Soviet role

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(between Israel and Egypt)... sees no chance for any U.S.-sponsored peace settlement, and considers the participation of the Soviet Union the right basis for any international effort to realise a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East."

In an obvious reference to Syria, where the U.S. secretary of state held talks with President Hafez Al Assad on Wednesday, the PLO spokesman said: "Those who have declared their rejection of the Reagan initiative, the Lebanese-Israeli agreement and the Camp David accords should not receive (Secretary) Shultz but should insist on intensifying international efforts in which the Soviet Union would participate to reach a solution based on United Nations resolutions on the Middle East."

The PLO will reject any "official or secret" agreements that might emanate from the Shultz visit, the spokesman added.

Earlier, Mr. Abdul Rahman denied a press report that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had pro-

posed to the Syrians a withdrawal of PLO forces from Lebanon. "The matter has not even been discussed by the six-member committee in Damascus," he said.

The committee, made up of the speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC) and five members of the PLO Executive Committee, held three days of talks in the Syrian capital in an attempt to find a solution to a rebellion in Fateh, the biggest commando movement under the PLO umbrella. The team left Damascus Wednesday for Tunis to brief Mr. Arafat on the outcome of the talks.

Franjeh denounces pact

Meanwhile in the north Lebanese town of Zgharta, former Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh, considered pro-Syrian, reiterated his opposition to the Lebanon-Israel withdrawal agreement and told reporters on Wednesday that "any attempt to push Lebanon into making an alliance with any country other than members of the Arab League will be at the expense of Lebanon's interests."

Israel draws up redeployment plans

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drawal of its soldiers until Syrian and Palestinian fighters leave Lebanon.

The official also said Israel now believed there may be a role for the United Nations and Beirut-based multi-national peacekeeping force in helping the Lebanese army to patrol areas Israel intends to evacuate.

Until recently the government had criticised U.N. peacekeeping efforts there as ineffective.

Few details emerged from Wednesday's cabinet meeting on redeployment. State radio said Defence Minister Moshe Arens favoured a phased withdrawal that would bring Israeli forces back to a line along the Awali River, 45 kilometres north of the Israeli border, by next November.

The radio said the redeployment plans were not finalised. Israel is hoping France will strengthen its 2,000-strong contingent to the Beirut multi-national force and take over Israeli positions in the Shouf.

Mr. Cheysson was non-committal when the question was

raised at the meeting with Mr. Shamir, the official said. The French minister, who is on a Middle East tour, conferred with Mr. Shamir during a five-hour stopover on his way to Cairo on the fourth leg of his Middle East tour.

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir said there were differences in the two ministers' views but declined to elaborate.

Israeli officials said Mr. Cheysson had asked them not to disclose the French position at the talks.

Mr. Cheysson's visit was arranged at short notice and app-

ear to take Israeli officials by surprise as they were preparing for talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

Mr. Cheysson arrived in Baghdad from Israel Wednesday night at the head of an official delegation. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

The agency, monitored in Beirut, said Mr. Cheysson was greeted at the airport by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz. It gave no further details.

France is a major arms supplier to Iraq in its Gulf war with Iran.

9 trapped in building rubble

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pulled from the wreckage of jagged concrete and steel pylons. His body was taken away in a French army ambulance.

The trapped men's comrades swarmed over the pile of dusty rubble like ants, tearing at the masonry with their hands while bulldozers and cranes pushed and lifted huge chunks of concrete.

A burly paratrooper, a rope tied to his ankles, attempted to burrow into a gap between broken slabs to search for signs of life but had to give up after several attempts.

The French ambassador, Paul-Marc Henri, rushed to the scene and scrambled over the rubble with his bodyguards to join the search for survivors.

The soldiers, engineers from a Foreign Legion parachute regiment stationed in Beirut as part of a four-nation peacekeeping force, had been planting explosives to bring down the building in a controlled blast when it collapsed.

Local residents said they heard no explosion before the collapse but said the building in west Beirut had been uninhabited and structurally unsound since it was damaged during last year's Israeli invasion.

French officers told Reuters the explosives were still in the debris but they were believed to be not primed for detonation when the collapse occurred.

Lebanese soldiers joined the French troops sweating in the midday heat to clear loose stone and steel.

U.K. insists on veto on missiles

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lished in such explicit form. It followed demands for a "dual key" system by politicians who feared the United States could go it alone and launch a nuclear strike from British soil.

The paper was published along with a defence budget estimate of £15.9 billion (\$23.8 billion) for 1983-84, a 13 per cent increase on

the 1982-83 estimates and more than any of Britain's European allies.

It includes an extra £624 million (\$1,112 million) to maintain a garrison on the Falkland Islands, recaptured in a war with Argentina last year.

The document bore the imprint of Mr. Heseltine, chosen by Mrs. Thatcher largely to counter the peace campaign in Britain.

It said Britain was strongly committed to NATO and a collective deterrent to check a continuing Soviet military buildup and nudge the Kremlin to negotiate seriously on curbing nuclear weapons.

"We cannot afford policies based on emotion rather than logic, not theatrical gestures which would achieve nothing save to weaken our own security," it said.

Mediators leave

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group Fateh between loyalists and hardline rebels who accuse him of planning to abandon the armed struggle against Israel.

But apart from the ceasefire, the peace team appeared to have made little progress in Damascus. Rebel spokesman Jihad Saleh told a Damascus press conference that the mediators would present Mr. Arafat with a list of demands which were the same as those set out before the team began its mission.

Arafat aides say he rejects a key rebel demand that Fateh should be run by an emergency committee made up of loyalists and dissidents.

The dissidents are also pressing for a general congress of Fateh which would reshape the guerrilla movement, as well as an explicit rejection by Mr. Arafat of all current Middle East peace efforts.

Sources close to the six-man

peace team, which is headed by the speaker of the PLO parliament-in-exile, Khaled Al Fahoum, said that their contacts so far had not made them optimistic.

Rebel spokesman Abu Saleh denied reports from Lebanon of a 15-minute artillery exchange between the rival Fateh factions in the Bekaa Valley.

"Not a shot was fired in the Bekaa today," he said. "The aim of such misleading reports is to show that the uprising in our movements can be successful only through fighting."

Abu Saleh said that two groups of officers and men from Mr. Arafat's own security force which is known by the code name of "17" were the latest recruits to the rebel side.

He named 18 officers and officials based in Damascus and the Bekaa Valley who he said had pledged their loyalty to the dissidents Wednesday.

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Wall Street stocks close sharply lower

NEW YORK (R) — Wall Street stock prices closed sharply lower as investors showed renewed concern about the potential for higher interest rates following last week's disappointing money supply figures.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, chief measure of blue-chip stocks, fell sharply as soon as trading began Tuesday morning and closed off 16.73 points at 1,208.53.

Analysts said the Dow recovered last week on hopes that the M-1 measure of U.S. money supply, which includes cash and funds in checking accounts, would decline as most experts predicted.

But on Friday the Federal Reserve, the U.S. Central Bank, reported M-1 actually rose \$600 million. This caused many investors to once again be concerned about the potential for the Fed tightening its monetary policy, analysts said.

"The key factor is the increase in the money supply reported on Friday," said Richard Doll, an analyst with the investment firm of Tucker Anthony and R.L. Day.

He said there was concern among investors that the Fed would be forced to restrain growth in the banking system's reserves by raising interest rates if the money-supply growth continued.

On European foreign exchange markets, the dollar closed about a penny stronger at 2.5642 West German marks on the latest expectations of rising U.S. interest rates.

But it ended below the day's highest levels after profit-taking took it down from a peak of 2.5720 marks, dealers said.

The dollar's advance was given added momentum by the speculation that the Federal Reserve was considering raising its discount rate, dealers said.

Sterling, which usually follows the lead of the dollar, finished firmer against European currencies but also ended below the day's peaks. It closed in London at \$1.5245, down from 1.5327.

Kuwaiti minister predicts demand for OPEC oil

LONDON (R) — Demand for OPEC oil in the fourth quarter of this year may rise between 500,000 and one million barrels a day over OPEC's current output ceiling, Kuwaiti oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah, said Wednesday.

An output ceiling of 17.5 million barrels daily was set at an OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting in London March, at which its benchmark price for oil was also reduced to \$29 a barrel.

Sheikh Ali told an oil conference in London that OPEC may have to raise the ceiling to prevent spot market prices rising above official levels, but a price increase is unlikely this year.

Demand for OPEC oil is likely to be between 18 million and 19 million barrels daily next year and 19 million to 20 million in 1985 if nominal prices remain stable, he told the conference, organized by the London Financial Times newspaper.

French bank officials, clients to stand trial

PARIS (R) — The former chairman of the French Bank Paribas, three of his principal officers and 63 customers have been charged with serious currency-control violations and will go on trial next December, court officials said Wednesday.

The trial of the 67, including Mr. Pierre Moussa, former chairman of the Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, is likely to be one of the biggest of its kind in France. Paribas was nationalised by President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist administration after it took power in May 1981.

Mr. Moussa resigned in November 1981 after being accused by the Socialist government of failing to keep commitments to prevent Belgian and Swiss subsidiaries of the bank from leaving Paribas control. The two subsidiaries escaped being nationalised.

The defendants have been charged with the illegal export of nearly 250 million francs (\$32.5 million) to Switzerland in defiance of strict French exchange regulations, the officials said.

They said the trial would start in December but the exact date would be fixed on July 13.

EEC dismayed by U.S. decision

BRUSSELS (R) — European Community officials Wednesday voiced dismay at President Reagan's decision to limit imports of special steels, and said the trading bloc would study carefully the legality of the restriction.

The officials said import quotas and higher tariffs imposed by the U.S. president Tuesday night on several types of special steels would severely affect Europe's recession-hit steel industry.

The West German and French industries would suffer under the import quotas on steel bars, rod and alloy tool steel, and Britain would be hurt by tariffs on stainless steel.

"It's a blatantly protectionist move... the first since the Williamsburg summit," said one diplomat, in a reference to the pledges made at the meeting last

month by the seven largest industrial nations to resist new import controls.

The officials said Mr. Reagan's decision was particularly disheartening since it had been the U.S. administration which had pressed hardest to roll back protectionism.

The community would examine carefully whether the move was legal under trade rules operated by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and also at the possibility of demanding compensation for lost sales.

Some officials voiced concern that the U.S. tariffs and quotas could eventually throw into question a comprehensive steel trade pact signed by the two sides last year.

Although special steels and

semi-finished products were not covered specifically by that arrangement, it was designed to bring negotiated settlement of disputes and avoid unilateral action by either side.

Italy rejects cuts

ROME (R) — Italy's caretaker government Tuesday night reaffirmed that big cuts in Italy's steel-making capacity ordered by the European Community's executive commission were "unacceptable and inapplicable."

Outgoing Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani discussed Italy's response to the cuts with senior colleagues including Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo and State Participations Minister Gianni De Michelis.

The commission said on Friday

that Italy had until January to draw up plans to cut steel-producing capacity by 5.8 million tonnes by 1985.

The cuts are part of plans to lop 26.7 million tonnes off European steel-making capacity to meet reduced demand.

Italian industry sources said two plants in areas of high unemployment may have to close if the plan is enforced.

A statement by the Prime Minister's office after Tuesday night's meeting said: "The government confirms that the commission's decision is unacceptable and inapplicable."

De Michelis told reporters: "The position of the Italian government is quite clear. We shall not apply the measures requested by the community."

Schlesinger warns against energy complacency

LONDON (R) — Former U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger Wednesday warned governments and the oil industry against complacency over future levels of energy demand.

"Governments change their views towards the oil markets, thus creating for the future the probability of another supply crisis," Schlesinger told a two-day conference here on the outlook for oil prices.

He said he feared the industry

was destined to repeat past mistakes which had led to panic buying of oil.

He said the current slack demand and had meant a falling off in investment in the alternative energy sources that were needed if economic growth was to be sustained.

"The boom in coal substitution has come to an end. Nuclear power continues to flourish in some countries but most notably in the United States has at least become temporarily moribund,"

Schlesinger said.

He said Venezuela had given up heavy oil projects and the production of synthetic fuels had been halted in the United States.

Mr. Schlesinger noted that domestic oil production in the United States had dropped to seven million barrels a day from ten million in 1970.

He said the prospect of a rapid growth in oil imports as the U.S. economy recovered was already

worrying those who were concerned with long term supply.

He said the current recession made it difficult to judge to what extent lower demand for oil was related to energy conservation programmes or to the decline in economic activity.

"The energy problem will not go away. It is built into the volatility of this market and the very long lead times required in introducing alternative sources of energy," he added.

Iranian banks to make loans conform to Islamic system

TEHRAN (R) — Iranian banks will have three years to renegotiate existing loans to clients and make them conform to Iran's proposed interest-free Islamic banking system, Central Bank Governor Mohsen Nourbakhsh said Wednesday.

Tehran Radio said he told a press conference that banks would also continue to pay interest to depositors for 18 months after the new system took effect.

The new banking system, abolishing payment of interest which is against Islamic law, was approved by parliament last month.

But it has not yet been endorsed by the council of guardians, a 12-man body which vets new legislation to ensure it conforms to Islam and the constitution.

New Zealand expects higher meat sales to Mideast, Africa

BAHRAIN (R) — The New Zealand Meat Producers Board expects a sizable increase in meat sales to the Middle East and North Africa this year, the board's Middle East Director Trevor Stewart said Wednesday.

The board has established a new office in Bahrain to coordinate the promotion and sale of meat to the Middle East and North Africa.

"New Zealand is a major supplier of food, particularly meat, to a majority of countries through the Arab World and we needed a representative office in the area to further consolidate our trading position," Stewart told Reuters.

"The Middle East and North Africa has a lot of untapped potential and this is what we really want to harness," he added.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — U.K. government bonds ended sharply lower for the third day running, depressed by Tuesday's disappointing U.K. money supply data, dealers said. Equities were mixed.

As the government may aggressively tap the bond market to curb money supply growth in the near term, this together with concern over U.S. interest rates prompted sizeable selling of bonds in mid morning, dealers said. Prices ended above the lows on bear closing and a steadier New York opening. Falls stretched to 7/8 point in long dates.

At 1400 GMT the FT 30 share index was up 2.4 at 694.2, with ICI firm. Golds eased slightly, and U.S. shares were mixed. ICI gained 22p at \$16 as U.S. interest in the stock revived after its recent fall, dealers said. Among other leaders Becton and Glaxo rose 3p and 5p, and BTR and Bowater gained 5p and 4p respectively. Dealers said the steadier tone in equities was in reaction to recent weakness, adding trade was quiet.

In oils, Tricentrol rose 14p at 220, but Jackson Exploration was very weak, falling 45p to 80 after news it abandoned a well off Brunei. Lower banks had Barclays down 5p at 511.

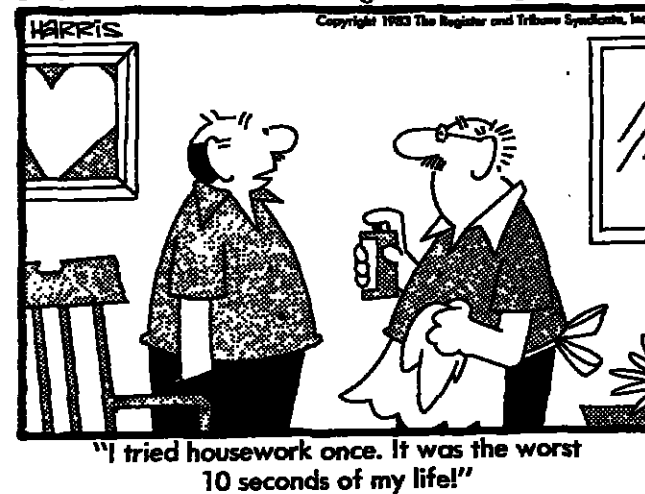
Electricals had Plessey and Ferranti down 5p and 7p. Distiller ADP fell 8p to 166 after Tuesday's gain on news of merger talks with Argyll foods, down a penny at 123.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

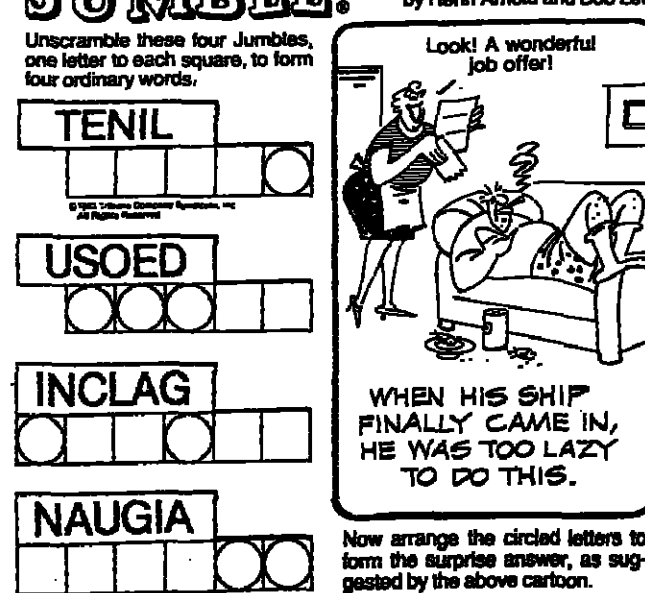
LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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	7.7120/50	French francs
	1520.00/1521.00	Italian lire
	239.80/95	Japanese yen
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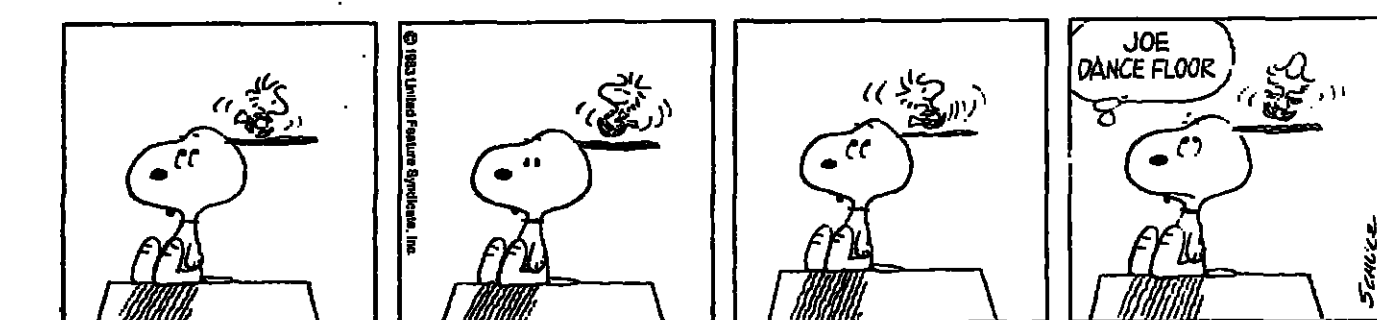


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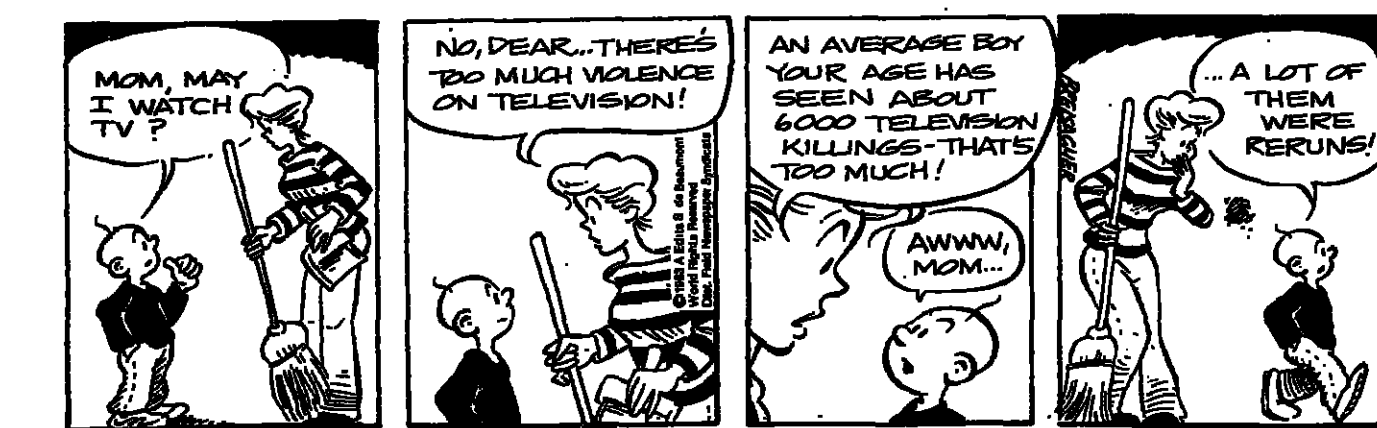
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Japan regrets U.S. steal import barriers

TOKYO (R) — Japanese officials expressed regret Wednesday at President Reagan's imposition of import quotas and tariffs on special steel products but ruled out the idea of retaliation.

Officials of the International Trade and Industry Ministry said that although Japan had been carrying out orderly sales they had expected the measures because of complaints from the U.S. Steel Industry.

Reagan announced the quotas Tuesday, saying the measures were designed both to help the American Steel Industry recover and to focus attention on distortions in the world steel trading market.

The Japanese officials described the barriers as a by-product of friction between the United States and the European Community, and said Japan would seek the best possible share of the import quotas through bilateral talks.

They dismissed the possibility of Japanese counter-measures in combination with European or other Asian steel exporting countries. Some officials expressed annoyance at the U.S. action, which comes at a time when Washington, suffering from a large trade deficit with Japan, has been urging Japan to open its own market to more foreign goods.

Steel industry officials said the issue was now a government matter and would be dealt with by the International Trade and Industry Ministry, which traditionally works closely with private industry.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An innate restlessness besets most everyone today and at the drop of a hat most everyone will make unwise, sudden and dramatic changes that are not at all beneficial.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You feel restless and want to jump from one thing to another, but it behooves you to be steadfast at routine work.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You feel uncertain about your financial status and should clarify it and know how better to improve it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You are tempted to upset the applecart today, so take control of yourself and find the right way of getting out of a dilemma.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) That private anxiety needs time to resolve so don't let it get you stymied. Get busy with other affairs.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Don't rely on your usually good friends who are busy but act independently and all will be fine. A promise could be broken today.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Steer clear of the bosses who may be having problems and could take their ire out on you. Don't jeopardize your position in any way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't permit that new contact to steer you in the wrong direction but show that you know better what should be done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be prepared with facts and figures so that you do not make an error with one who is an expert in his, or her field.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You like to keep your word about what should be done but find that a partner wavers now on his.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Stop angling so much or you can get into trouble and be more direct with others. A co-worker could be irate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't delve into that recreation that will be expensive and not worthwhile, but get your affairs in better order.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be sure you know what kin desire of you or there will be much confusion. Not a day or evening to invite guests into your home.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will find it hard to stay on one subject for very long and will jump into another, and another, so teach early to finish one thing before going on to another and get the habit of consistency. Religious training is a must.

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FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening to state your ideas and points of view to others and especially those that have considerable scope to them for you now can make headway and progress.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact those persons who can show you how to be more productive in the future, and then improve your routines.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You have monetary ideas that need expression so that you can soon know greater prosperity. Study your current status.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You have excellent ideas for advancement so that you can become more successful, so be sure to put them in motion.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can work out that intimate affair that has seemed impossible to do in the past. Get right at it.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Contact good friends and state your wishes and they will help you to attain them. First, do something helpful for them.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Endeavor to become connected with some big concern that can help you to become more successful in your career.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Change your attitude and come to a better understanding with those who can be of assistance to you and vice versa.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Talk your deals over with business persons so that there will be complete understanding on all sides. This brings greater prosperity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get together with dynamic friends who can help you to gain your aims more easily and become more progressive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You find it easier to understand every angle of your work today and can plow right through it efficiently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have good creative ideas and should put them in operation quickly and confidently. You encounter few obstacles.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) See what it is that kin plan to do over the weekend and make the right arrangements and appointments for such.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be witty and have a sense of humor and will appeal to those who can also appreciate his, or her intelligent qualities. One who can be very good in time of emergency and also be a crackjack salesperson.

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WORLD

Sino-Vietnamese border clashes largely rhetorical

PINGXIANG, China (R) — Pingxiang street used to run through the Chinese border town of Pingxiang straight into Vietnam. Now it ends in a minefield just a few paces beyond the old friendship pass frontier post.

According to Chinese officials, the town has been a flashpoint in border clashes with Vietnam since the two former communist allies fought a month-long war early in 1979.

Vietnamese troops have fired hundreds of shells into the area and repeatedly opened up with rifles and machine-guns, the officials say. Eight people are said to have been killed, scores wounded and thousands forced to leave Pingxiang County.

But foreign correspondents taken to the usually closed frontier area found no sign of the wholesale destruction along Pingxiang Street described by the official New China News Agency (NCNA) and provincial officials.

During a four-hour tour, the correspondents saw nothing to conflict with the view of foreign diplomats in Peking and Hanoi that Sino-Vietnamese border tension is essentially a war of words with relatively few bullets fired in anger.

Pingxiang, a county town in the remote western Guangxi Province, is two rows of single storey wooden shacks flanking the broad concrete road that goes nowhere.

Under the broiling July sun, with its straw-hatted citizens dozing on the boardwalk, it looks like a turn of the century cowboy town on the Mexican border.

Although the correspondents were warned they were visiting a dangerous place, the scene of almost daily "provocations", there was no tension in the air.

The townsfolk seemed to be enjoying the sight of groups of newsmen sweating in the noon heat when even the buffaloes had taken refuge in the water holes.

A primary school and a hospital which NCNA said in April this year had been blown up by Vietnamese artillery had some small holes in their dilapidated roofs, but no signs of blast damage.

Provincial officials reported 898 incidents of Vietnamese aggression last year along the 640-kilometre frontier with Guangxi. In April this year, as Vietnam's dry season offensive against Peking-backed guerrillas in Kampuchea reached its peak, Chinese gunners pounded Vietnamese positions for several days.

At the same time Pingxiang County came under the heaviest Vietnamese fire for some time, according to NCNA.

But Western diplomats in the two capitals viewed the desultory shelling more as a low-key demonstration that Peking had not abandoned its Kampuchean protégés than a major military strike.

The border areas seen by correspondents showed few traces of troop activity — not one military truck was spotted during a six-day drive through southern Guangxi. The only arms seen were the Kalashnikov automatic rifles carried by police sentries at border posts.

Regular Chinese troops are reported to have been withdrawn 50 kilometres and replaced by police and local militia.

China says Vietnam has greatly strengthened its forces along the 1,200-kilometre border since the February 1979 battles. Officials decline to give details of China's military build-up in the area.



USS CONSTITUTION FIRES BROADSIDE: USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship, fires a salvo as part of its annual 21-gun salute and turnaround cruise Monday at Boston Harbour. The Constitution is turned around and berthed in the opposite direction once a year so that her masts and "iron sides" weather evenly (A.P. wirephoto)

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Seoul proposes Chinese membership of IPU

SEOUL (R) — South Korea proposed Wednesday that China join the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) at the union's general meeting here later this year.

Kwon Jung-Dal, organising chairman of the IPU conference, told foreign reporters it would be a good idea for Peking to send delegates to the October meeting and "become a member".

The 98-member IPU was for-

med in 1889 to promote international parliamentary cooperation and world peace.

Mr. Kwon said that although invitations had gone to all communist members, including the Soviet Union and North Korea, no acceptances had been received so far.

Seoul has accused North Korea of trying to interfere with the forthcoming IPU conference. In

April, Finland expelled the North Korean ambassador after allegations that he tried to bribe a prominent Finnish member of the IPU to oppose the union's decision to meet in Seoul.

South Korean Foreign Minister Lee Bum-Suk said last month the government was giving top priority to enhancing ties with Moscow and Peking to ensure peace in

Black dies in Protea police custody

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A 24-year-old black suspect was shot and died at a police headquarters in Soweto near Johannesburg, a lawyer representing his family said Wednesday.

Priscilla Jana told Reuters that police had confirmed to her that Pares Molefe Malatje, who was arrested on Monday, had been shot in Protea police station and died Tuesday.

Police Commissioner General Johan Coetzee said in a statement that Malatje was a suspect under the Criminal Procedures and Evidence Act, but gave no details.

Ms. Jana said Malatje's family had arranged for a private pathologist to attend a post mortem scheduled for Thursday. She said it appeared Malatje was a political detainee but she had no definite information. Malatje was unemployed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britons steadily give up smoking

LONDON (R) — Fewer Britons are smoking, according to the office of population censuses and surveys. The latest figures show that more than a million people in Britain have given up the habit since 1980. The proportion of men who smoke has fallen from 42 to 38 per cent and for women from 37 to 33 per cent. Male smokers are also lighting up fewer cigarettes on average.

Sri Lanka denies torture allegation

COLOMBO (R) — The Sri Lankan government Wednesday denied allegations by the human rights organisation Amnesty International that political suspects in the country were tortured. In a statement, the government also rejected accusations that arrests were made indiscriminately by large contingents of army and police under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and that detainees were kept in poor physical conditions.

Golfer-policeman wins the day

DUNEDIN, New Zealand (R) — Dave McTainsh is not only a handy golfer — he is also a policeman. So when Constable McTainsh sliced his ball out of bounds and on to a road and a man in a passing car picked it up and made off with it his reaction was instinctive. He reached for the two-way radio which he carries in his gold bag and called the local police station with a description of the car. Police stopped the car in the next town and found the ball hidden in the thief's sock. Constable McTainsh, like all good golfers, got on with the match in the town of Cromwell, in New Zealand's south island. He and his partner won.

Warm weather ruins Housing Dept.

LONDON (R) — Tenants of London's Islington Council made heated protests when 200 officials of the Housing Department went home because their offices were too hot. Under a deal with the unions, department staff are allowed to leave if the indoor temperature exceeds 82 degrees Fahrenheit (27.8 Centigrade) for more than one hour. It happened Tuesday — and council house tenants were indignant when their calls went unanswered after 11.30 a.m.

Thais dismantle 'dumb squad'

BANGKOK (R) — Two deaf mute children were detained in Bangkok Wednesday and police said they were hunting for many more involved in a gang of shoplifters and cat burglars. The gang, known locally as the "dumb squad", was organised by a restaurant manager and was controlled by at least four adults who were also picked up Wednesday after a tipoff.

French diplomat charged with spying for Chinese

PARIS (R) — A French diplomat who once served in Peking and Mongolia has been arrested here and charged with spying for China, a government spokesman said Wednesday.

Bernard Boursicot, who had been working for the French foreign ministry for about 15 years, was arrested last week and accused of passing information to a foreign power, the standard wording for espionage charges in France.

In Peking diplomatic sources, said he had worked as an ad-

ministrative attache at the French embassy in the early 1970s and later in the mission at Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia.

They said the case could impose further strains on relations between France and China.

In Peking a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman declined to comment on the arrest. Relations between France and China are already troubled by Indochina and the jailing of a young Chinese artist who had been engaged to a French diplomat.

Manila says NPA rebels behind marijuana trade

BAGUIO, Philippines (R) — Communist guerrillas were supplying vegetable farmers with high-grade marijuana seeds and using profits from the illicit crop to finance their fight against the government, a senior military official said Wednesday.

Brig-Gen. Victorino Azada, the regional military commander, told reporters marijuana plantations have proliferated in the Cordillera Mountains of the nor-

thern Philippines due to the instability of the vegetable industry.

Brig-Gen. Azada said the highland farmers sold their harvest to members of the communist New People's Army, who smuggled the drug to Manila among cargoes of cabbages and other produce.

He said the illegal plantations provided the rebels' main source of funds for buying firearms and ammunition.

Over 40 die in Indian floods

NEW DELHI (R) — More than 40 people died in floods in western and northeastern India during the past five days as major rivers, swollen from monsoon rains, washed away people and wrecked houses.

At least 29 people died in floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in the western state of Maharashtra. The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said.

In the northeastern states of

Assam and Meghalaya, and the eastern state of West Bengal, more than 13 people were drowned Tuesday as flooding inundated villages.

Assam and West Bengal are India's major tea-growing areas, but estimates of damage are not available.

Floods in the western state of Gujarat last week left 473 people dead and 204 missing, officials said.

GOREN BRIDGE

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AMERICAN TEAMS FOR WORLD TITLE TILT

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After trials held in Minneapolis, two strong teams emerged as the American Contract Bridge League's representatives for the 1983 World Team Championship for the Bermuda Bowl, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, at the end of September. By winning the event, Bobby Wolff, Bob Hamman, Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Ron Rubin and Mike Becker earned a place in the semifinals. The beaten finalists, Dr. George Rosenkrantz, Eddie Wold, Mike Passell, Jim Jacoby, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell, will have to play through the qualifying rounds to earn a place among

the last four. The winners of the European Championship will also be seeded through to the semifinals.

Slams played an important part in the result. The eventual winners took an early lead that looked as if it might assume runaway proportions. On this hand, Rubin-Becker were doubled in four hearts and made an overtrick for a score of 990. At the other table, Hamman opened one spade and Meckstroth's jump to three hearts was strong, according to their system! There was no holding Rodwell. He launched into Key-Card Blackwood and, when his partner showed either two aces or one ace and the king of trumps, he bid the slam.

Had Wolff led a diamond, he would have won the match there and then. But he made the normal lead of his partner's suit and, thanks to the lucky distribution, Meckstroth never looked back.

He ruffed in hand with a high trump and led a club. It made no difference what the defenders did. Two ruffs would bring down the outstanding club honors, setting up the ten as a trick. And there were just enough entries to dummy to set up the fifth spade and take two diamond discards on spades. Declarer lost only one club trick to score 1430 points and pick up 10 International Match Points.

Uruguay politicians break off talks with the junta

MONTEVIDEO (R) — Uruguay's political parties have broken off talks with the military government intended to draw up constitutional reforms ahead of a promised return to democracy in 1985, party officials said.

Talks began last May between the military and the three legalised political parties, the traditional Blanco and Colorado and the small Civic Union.

The officials said Tuesday dialogue was suspended indefinitely because the 10-year-old military government was seeking to introduce major constitutional changes to ensure legal provisions to fight any resurgence of guerrilla violence.

Blanco Party delegate Gonzalo Aguirre told reporters that the armed forces viewed the constitutional problem as one of anti-subversive action. "It became obvious that we could not go on with the talks for a matter of principle," he said.

The government of Gen. Gregorio Alvarez has pledged to organise elections in November 1984 and to hand over power to civilians in March 1985.

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